

**Story County 911 Service Board  
Special Meeting  
April 23, 2019**

The 911 Service Board met for a Special Meeting on 4/23/2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sheriff's Squad Room at the Story County Justice Center.

**Story County-** Linda Murken, alternate

**ISU-** Michael Newton; Rob Bowers, alternate

**Ames-** Chuck Cychosz

**Cambridge-** Not present

**Collins-** Dawnell Kennedy, alternate

**Colo-** Dennis Clatt

**Gilbert/Franklin-** Brian Grove; Tom Kepley, alternate

**Huxley-** Not present

**Maxwell-** Not present

**McCallsburg-** Chris Erickson

**Nevada-** Not present

**Roland-** Not present

**Slater-** John Kahler

**Story City-** Matt Sporleder

**Westory-** Not present

**Zearing-** Not present

**Story County EMA-** Keith Morgan

**Secretary-** Amanda Roush

**Guests:** Dina McKenna, Story County Communications Commander

Cychosz opened the meeting at 5:30pm and began introductions.

Murken made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Newton seconded. MCU

Morgan moved to approve the Public Hearing minutes from March. Kahler seconded. MCU

**Radio Project Update**

ISU Procurement and the working group have reached a conclusion in contract negotiations and have made recommendation to StoryComm. Cychosz personally thanked ISU for taking all of our interests to heart and going to work for us. An amendment to the 28E agreement went before the Story County Board of Supervisors this morning and will be seen by the Ames City Council this evening and ISU. With those endorsements, the three primary funders will be in a position to advance the contract.

The contract will allow us to begin work with RACOM to get a temporary solution up and operating as soon as possible. Collectively we will be able to move onto the temporary system, which will allow us to get out from under some of the difficulties that are emerging with the EE tower. There are discounts and finance arrangements available that can help spread the cost of radios out over a couple of years.

Contract signing is the critical next step that we are up against. To capture all of the discounts available and make the most cost effective use of the system, it is priced on a 15 year model. On that basis, we believe that StoryComm should extend its life to 15 years as well. Currently the entities of StoryComm are under a 10 year commitment. An amendment is required to adjust the commitment to 15 years. The other issue that came up was ownership of the radios. There is a clause in the amendment that states an entity who provides its own funding for the purchase of non-infrastructure items for its own end-users will acquire ownership of those items. If you buy the radios, you own the radios.

Newton wanted to clarify that the 15 year term is what we requested in the RFP; both vendors bid what we asked for in their proposals.

Bowers noted that there was a meeting with the CEO of Electronic Engineering who confirmed the intent to take down the Alleman tower in July 2020. RACOM has already been on site and are working in tandem with the entities on design scoping. The proposed tower sites are Gilbert, Cambridge, Zearing, Wallace Hall and Nevada at the Justice Center.

The paging system infrastructure and pagers will be funded in whole through the 911 Board. Funds for paging are approved in the budget and will marry with the contract as we go forward. Paging will be operative with the permanent system.

**Amendment to StoryComm 28E**

Amendment No. 1 was drafted to capture the extension of termination to 15 years and to address ownership of radios. The 15 year period begins at final acceptance of the permanent radio system.

Murken moved to approve Amendment No. 1. Morgan seconded. MCU

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

McKenna mentioned that once we get the contract signed, RACOM will be out to do roadshows to allow users to see radios and learn about features and options.

**Comments from Public**

None

**Comments from 911 Service Board Members**

Grove asked if there could be an update at the next Fire Chiefs meeting about tower/system fees. Newton replied that there are several components to creating a new legal entity (StoryComm). Once legal and accounting services are on board, we hope that they will be able to assist projecting fees.

Cychosz added that there will be some ongoing license and maintenance costs that will factor into the fees; StoryComm will do its best to keep the fees low.

Another discussion is the concept of requiring a maintenance plan on radios that are on the system. Most other counties operating similar P25 radio systems are requiring radios to be inspected and maintained. In the contract, StoryComm has negotiated a fixed rate for that service. There may be an expectation that some maintenance will be required or perhaps rolled into the fees. There will be minimum standard requirements developed.

Motion to adjourn by Morgan; seconded by Clatt. MCU

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Roush, Secretary  
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